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1. UAE OIL MINISTER MANA SAID AL UTAYBA MADE A QUICK TROP
CYO RIYADH EVENING OF FEBRUARY 6 TO CONSULT WITH SAUDI OIL
MINISTER YAMANI ON THE LATEST OPEC DEVELOPMENTS ON PRICES

FOLLOWING THE OBORTIVE VISIT OF QATAR'S OIL MINISTER TO SELL THE SAUDIS AND THE UAE ON A COMPROMISE OIL PRICING FORMULA. VISIT WAS CLEARLY ONE OF EXCHANGING NOTES AND A CONTINUATION OF CLOSE CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN BOTH COUNTRIES ON OIL PRICE STRATEGY. UTAYBA CARRIED MESSAGES FROM UAE PRESIDENT SHAIKH ZAYID TO KING KHALID AND CROWN PRINCE FAHD.

2. LOCAL PRESS REPORTS UTAYBA AS STATING IN RIYADH THAT BOTH COUNTRIES HELD IDENTICAL VIEWS ON QUESTIONS OF PETROLEUM AND THAT BOTH UAE AND SAUDI ARABIA WERE EAGER TO CONTINUE CONTACTS AIMED AT CLOSE COORDINATION. BOTH COUNTRIES WOULD MAINTAIN THEIR PRESENT PRICES.

3. EARLIER IN DAY, BEFORE LEAVING FOR RIYADH, UTAYBA HAD MET WITH A VISITING JAPANESE DELEGATION WHERE HE HAD STRESSED THAT UAE'S BALANCED AND MODERATE POLICY ON PRICES WAS BECAUSE THE UAE RECOGNIZED THAT ITS ECONOMIC HEALTH ULTIMATELY RESTED ON A DEVELOPING INTERNATIONAL ECONOMY. ON PRODUCTIO, UTAYBA IS REPORTED AS SAYING UAE HAD NOT DECIDED YET WHETHER TO INCREASE ITS OIL PRODUCTION FURTHER, BUT RECOGNIZED THAT SUCH A STEP WOULD HAVE A NEGATIVE EFFECT ON OTHER OPEC COUNTRIES (NOTE: ADNOC CHAIRMAN SHAIKH TAHNUN HAD EARLIER TOLD JAPANESE DELEGATION THAT UAE HAD NO PLANS "AT PRESENT" TO RAISE OIL OUTPUT).

4. IN SAME INTERVIEW WITH JAPANESE DELEGATION, UTAYBA PICKED UP THEME EXPRESSED EARLIER BY YAMANI AND PRICE SAUD THAT POLITICS AND ECONOMICS ARE TWO FACES OF SAME COIN. BESIDES THE ECONOMIC ASPECTS RELATED TO SAUDI-UAE DECISION, THERE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WERE ALSO THE POLITICAL ASPECTS--NAMELY UAE HOPED THAT THIS WILL ENCOURAGE SUPPORT FOR A JUST SOLUTION OF MIDDLE EAST PROBLEM.

5. UTAYBA ALSO IS QUOTED AS SUGGESTING TO JAPANESE THAT INDUSTRIALIZED AND OIL EXPORTING COUNTRIES SHOULD ESTABLISH AN INTERNATIONAL FUND TO DEVELOP ENERGY RESOURCES TO FACE LIFE AFTER THE EXHAUSTION OF OIL. HE EXPRESSED UAE READINESS TO CONTRIBUTE TO SUCH A FUND AND TO FINANCE PROJECTS FOR THE EXPLOITATION OF SOLAR ENERGY. TEXT OF INTERVIEW BEING POUCHED.
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